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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of SSCI Staffer on Terrorism Against U.S.
Interests in Lebanon

1. On 15 October 1984 Ms. Robin Cleveland, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) Staffer, was briefed by

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2. There was a discussion of NSA's reporting on terrorism,

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3. Ms. Cleveland commented that the Intelligence Community has the intelligence; the question is how this intelligence is transformed into action. Ms. Cleveland asked what follow up the Agency does. She was told the Agency may disseminate a follow-up report; however, we do not follow up on what precautions are being taken. There is a split between intelligence and policy. Ms. Cleveland asked how many threats against Beirut are received (about one a day) and how many are considered credible. She was told there are two types of lead: (1) specific--the Agency ensures the information is disseminated to those individuals who need it; (2) generic--(car bombs will be used in Beirut) which is disseminated to a wider audience. There was a discussion on gas enhancement.

4. Ms. Cleveland asked how the Agency communicates with other people in the Intelligence Community: (1) flashboard; (2) terrorism review; (3) CIR's and (4) TDFIRs. Regarding the TDFIRs, dissemination is made to a designated office in each recipient agency which does the internal distribution. If

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information is received which can be put into a TDFIR, it will be done by either the station or the area reports officer. If there is not enough information for a TDFIR, a CIR will probably be prepared. There was a discussion on the dissemination procedures of DIA which disseminates material that is not theirs and disseminates to people who do not have a need for it. The observation was made that FBIS is not a source; they report what has been given to them. Ms. Cleveland was told that the Iranian Desk does a very good calendar of religious holidays, etc.



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